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## Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease

## **GRAND ROUNDS**



Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 4:15pm HSC, Lecture Hall 1

directions

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**<u>RSVP</u>** appreciated



## **The Spectrum of Hope**

Imagine finding a glimmer of good news in a diagnosis of Alzheimer's. And imagine how that would change the outlook of the 5 million Americans who suffer from Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, not to mention their families, loved ones, and caretakers. A neurologist who's been specializing in dementia and memory loss for more than 20 years, Dr. Gayatri Devi rewrites the story of Alzheimer's by defining it as a spectrum disorder—like autism, Alzheimer's is a disease that affects different people differently. She encourages people who are worried about memory impairment to seek a diagnosis, because early treatment will enable doctors and caregivers to manage the disease more effectively through drugs and other therapies.

## Gayatri Devi, MD

Dr. Gayatri Devi has focused her entire career on emphasizing brain health and quality of life in neurologic disease. She is board-certified in Neurology, Pain Medicine, Psychiatry, Brain Injury Medicine, and Behavioral Neurology. This background allows for a comprehensive approach to brain illness. Widely published, she authored a recent perspective article in the NEJM on Alzheimer's disease in physicians. She is an Attending Physician at Lenox Hill Hospital/Northwell Health and Clinical Professor of Neurology at Downstate Medical Center. She established her center dedicated to neurologic wellness in 1999, serving until 2015 as Clinical Associate Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry at New York University School of Medicine and was Distinguished Visiting Professor in Women's Health at Weill Cornell Medical College. Key prior roles include Assistant Professor of Neurology at Columbia University; Clinical Core Co-director of the Taub Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Columbia University; President of the National Council on Women's Health, and President of the American Medical Women's Association. She has received numerous national awards for her work with women in medicine.



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